

## **Overview of May 2012 Activities**

### **June 19, 2012**

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) Progress Report provides significant information about the status of the SAEK backlog elimination project. The Serology/DNA unit (SDU) is responsible for processing and conducting analysis for biological evidence unrelated to sexual assaults, as well as additional evidence related to sexual assaults. This report (formatted in the new version, effective January 2012) is a reflection of the productivity associated with the SAEKs.

The May 2012 Progress Report shows a total of 454 SAEKs in progress or pending a request. Of these 454 SAEKs, 30 are pending submission of a request to RHD (3 of these were booked over 30 days ago). The number of kits where testing has not yet been completed is 424, which includes all cases in progress whether done in-house or sent out. It does not include those that have been requested but are not yet assigned. The SDU workflow is such that at any given moment in time, some accumulated cases are not yet assigned, but previous assigned work is continually in progress.

The Department previously completed a review of all cases that were screened but not DNA typed. Although no DNA typing was performed, these cases were deemed “complete” by the procedural standards in place through late 2008. As a result of the review, 209 cases had a total of 229 SAEKs, 38 SAEKs were handled as priority due to involving a stranger or having statute of limitation issues. These SAEKs were submitted in March 2012 (included in March 2012 report). Additionally, 178 SAEKs showed potential evidentiary value and were submitted for analysis in April 2012 (included in April 2012 report). This month, the last thirteen cases of the 229 SAEKs were reviewed and 12 SAEKs were submitted for testing (included in the May 2012 report) with one case (one SAEK) deemed unfounded. All of the identified re-test cases of evidentiary value have been submitted for testing under current analysis request procedures.

The SDU is continuing to decrease the time required to complete casework (including the mandatory technical and administrative reviews) without sacrificing quality. Of the 424 cases in progress, there are 46 cases not complete over 90 days from the date of request, and only 9 of these are over 120 days. There are no incomplete cases at or beyond 150 days from the date of request. There were an additional 109 new SAEK’s collected in May 2012.

The Department has continued its efforts on the development of a comprehensive master database system to track the number and status of SAEKs booked into LAPD custody. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been written for the development of a new Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS). The RFP has been submitted to the City Attorney’s Office for review. With over 1400 technical requirements, the City Attorney’s Office will take a minimum of 30 days to complete their review. Upon completion of the review and the Police Commission’s approval, the RFP can be released. The Department anticipates that the proposal process, vendor selection and contract negotiations will take up to six months. From this point, a project this complex is estimated to take up to 12 months for implementation.

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)  
Progress Report: May 31, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 May	2012 YTD	2012 May
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**SAEK RECEIVED**

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	635	N/A	*454
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	524	105	555	109

**PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST**

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			30	30
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			15	3

**ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS**

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	*424
Analysis Pending Completion – <b>Internal</b>			N/A	*247
Analysis Pending Completion – <b>Outsource</b>	N/A	79	N/A	*177

Internal Analysis Initiated – <b>Internal</b>			695	97
Analysis Contracted Out – <b>Outsource</b>	551	79	337	117

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days			N/A	46
≥ 120 Days			N/A	9
≥ 150 Days			N/A	0
≥ 180 Days			N/A	0

**ANALYSIS COMPLETE**

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	**756	**85	753	118
SAEK Analysis Complete - <b>Internal</b>	21	1	317	39
SAEK Analysis Complete - <b>Outsource</b>	**673	**84	436	79
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	113	18	99	18

**SAEK TESTING RESULTS**

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	581	26	450	83
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Total CODIS Hits	405	50	176	64
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	379	49	176	64
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	9	1	0	0

**Notes:**

■ Shaded areas were not tabulated, as data was not available from previous year.

\* Includes additional 228 “retest” SAEKs, including 12 SAEKs submitted in May.

\*\* SAEK in 2011 were tabulated as complete, based on a sub-contractor analysis report.